

CLINTON COUNTY

2014 VISITORS GUIDE



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IN A **"LITTLE POND!"**



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BE THE BIG FISH IN A LITTLE POND!

You've heard the saying, "a big fish in a little pond," haven't you? Well, in the grand scheme of things Clinton County may be the little pond but you're our VIP, our big fish if you will. You are important to us. We love travelers that visit our county, and we'll show you just how important you are by providing that extra special treatment, namely hospitality with a capital "H." That's where our Open Invitation comes in. Your invitation to visit Clinton County is open-ended. Come anytime. Be our **"BIG FISH"** and have fun all at the same time.

Learn about all the things there are to do in this Clinton County Visitors Guide. You'll find the area to exhibit diversity while offering an affordable destination. Hope to see you soon.

Debbie Stamper – Executive Director

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Clinton County Courthouse Dome

THE CITY SCENE

Clinton County has its share of city life, just on a smaller scale. Downtown Wilmington, on the national register of historic districts, is the perfect place for a walk. Pick up a copy of the **Commercial Historic District Walking Tour** booklet at the Visitors Bureau and have the details on each building at your fingertips. Fifty-one historic buildings housing the county's businesses and government showcase Renaissance Revival, Corinthian, Late Gothic Revival, Italianate, Classic and Victorian architectural styles. The **Clinton County Courthouse** dome and rotunda and the **Murphy Theatre** lobby are just two landmarks not to be missed on your excursion. A self-guided tour brochure of the courthouse is also available at the Visitors Bureau. You should plan on experiencing the theater's ambiance while attending one of the many performances held there throughout the year.





One of the toughest decisions you'll make in downtown Wilmington is where to eat. **Jen's Deli** serves up great New York-style deli sandwiches. **Austin's Casual Eatery & Bar** is renowned for its comfort food and "test kitchen." Every month the chef introduces a different menu, not your run-of-the-mill selections. The **Mediterranean** caters to the European in all of us with their fresh pasta dishes, while **Buckeye Livery Café** specializes in pizza delights. And, of course, the historic **General Denver Hotel Restaurant & Pub** offers a mixed selection of entrees both traditional and seasonal. Save room for dessert. A quick stop at the **Crave Candy & Nut Shop** will satisfy any sweet tooth with their many confectioneries. There are also many great dining opportunities outside downtown Wilmington's core.



If shopping is on your agenda, one-of-a-kind selections await you in downtown Wilmington. At the **South Street Gallery** and the **Little Red Hen** you will find artwork and craft items produced by local artisans. Reasonably priced, many of the artists accept commissioned orders.



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THE CITY SCENE... continued

Choose from jewelry, pottery, glass works, stained glass, wood works and more. Visit **For A Song & A Story** for musical instruments and used books and while there check out their collection of antique musical instruments. Antique lover? **Shoppes at the Old Mill** is a worthwhile stop. This antique mall and specialty gift shop is found in a 150+ year old mill which adds an interesting touch to your shopping experience. The **Patterry Collectibles and Gifts** offers specialty items such as Ohio University and Vera Bradley selections, among many other collectibles. Even the quilter can find a place to feel right at home. The **Cotton Junky Quilt Shop** carries fabric, quilting and sewing notions, books, patterns and unique gifts. Looking for a good read? Stop in at **Books 'N' More**, the hometown bookstore.





Be entertained at one of the festivals or parades that take place in Wilmington. These include the **Memorial Day Parade**, the **July 4th Celebration with Fireworks**, the **Clinton County Fair**, **Oktoberfest**, **Hometown Holidayzle Illuminated Parade & Festival**, the **Corn Festival Parade** and the **Banana Split Festival**. Or perhaps you want to listen to live music every third Friday in the center of downtown for free. Find it in the **Mural** parking lot next to the **General Denver Hotel**.

Last, but not least, are venues that share the history that has made Clinton County the place it has become, namely the **Clinton County History Center**, the **Quaker Heritage Center** and the **Peace Resource Center** at **Wilmington College**.

So, whether you eat, shop, go to a live theater performance, attend a festival or take in historic architecture and learn stories from the past, you won't be bored.





THE FARM SCENE



There is something to be said for the convenience of the local mega grocery, but undoubtedly it's not the kind of place where memorable experiences are made. So where do fresh food and lasting memories collide head on? It all happens on the farm, especially if you get to pick your own. From early spring until late fall, children and adults scout out Clinton County **u-pick farms** to gather fresh produce from the field and see firsthand where their food is grown. Whether it's asparagus, strawberries, raspberries, apples, pumpkins or more, there is something rewarding about harvesting fruits and vegetables for your table and perhaps snatching a taste in the field. Take it from us, there's nothing like right off the vine. Try it! Farmer Brausch, Branstrator, Stokes and Bergefurd extend their personal invitations.

Farmers' Markets can also be found throughout Clinton County. Think tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, eggplant, green beans, potatoes, sun flowers, home baked goods, homemade jams and jellies and honey; that's just the short list. Farmers' markets are a great alternative to the large, box store produce departments; farm fresh products...no lines, no crowds and no hassle.

Many of our Clinton County farms host seasonal, family-friendly foodie and home grown goodie festivals. **The Asparagus & Strawberry Festival at Branstrator Farm** offers fresh picked asparagus and strawberries as well as hay rides, children's activities and contests. Folks love spending the day at **Bonnybrook Farms** where hayrides, the underground slide, clodhopper golf, the infamous giant slingshot and the crazed corn maze



Clinton County Corn Festival



are just a few of the things to do before the dinner bell rings. In October, Bonnybrook also offers the Lantern Light Wagon Ride, a family friendly, history based ghost tour.

The oldest festival in our area, the **Clinton County Corn Festival**, is a lot of fun and in particular a corn lover's delight. Corn fritters, corn chowder, roasted ears of corn and corn dumplings are just a few choices that bring in the foodies year after year. Also, you'll see the farm equipment that has been used across time to bring food to the table.



The focus of the **Summer Solstice Lavender Festival** is the u-pick fields of lavender, but folks also look forward to sampling products made with lavender such as body lotions, candles, aromatherapy products and more. Take your sketch pad and set up an outdoor art studio, shop at the many specialty booths and learn to make a dream catcher.

A new farm fresh event held in August as collaboration between Wilmington College and Swindler & Sons Garden Center is **Tomadah Paradah**, a tribute to heirloom tomatoes. Over 200 varieties are grown on the college's farmland which culminates with an event where attendees can taste test all the varieties. Pass the salt please.

Dinner in the Fields is an annual family friendly event whose name speaks volumes. The entire meal is prepared from locally raised food and is held on a county farm. This early fall event always sells out early.

So, there you have it, some great reasons to put the Farm Scene on your getaway itinerary.

THE NATURE SCENE



Clinton County is abundant with parks, trails and nature preserves. The 7,000 acre **Cowan Lake State Park** is a self-contained getaway for the nature lover and has a 10 hp limit which encourages sailing at this quiet oasis. A beach on a

700-acre lake, hiking trails, boat rental, cabins and camping allow for almost any type of outdoor activity. A Lotus Cove self-guided trail provides a boardwalk view of an American Lotus (water lily) colony while the Emerald Woods Trail meanders through a mature beech forest. Nearby **Caesar Creek State Park** boasts 4,700 acres, a 2,830-acre lake and 43 miles of hiking trails. This park's lake is the location for those who desire a little faster pace with jet skis and motor boats welcome. Of course, quieter times can also be spent here. Just ask those who walk the shores searching for the plentiful fossils. Special events take place at Caesar's on a regular basis and are always family friendly.





Clinton County also has four **Nature Preserves** that are open year round. The plant, bird and wild life within these preserves are an endless source of entertainment, exploration and education for the naturalist. **Culberson State**



Nature Preserve, a 238-acre preserve, is one of the few examples of the "white swamp forest" which once covered the uplands of southwestern Ohio. The swamp forest is dominated by red maple and pin oak with substantial stands of shagbark hickory, shellbark hickory, swamp white oak, American elm and sweet gum. The northern shrub, winterberry, grows here near its southern limit, while the sweet gum, a southern species, is near its northern limit. Summer wildflowers include purple fringeless orchid and cardinal flower. The state-listed northern fox grape also occurs here. Culberson is the perfect setting for camera buffs and bird watchers. **Collett Woods** is a 60-acre Nature Preserve. The preserves' forest is dominated by American Beech, Sugar Maple, White Ash, White Oak, and Black Walnut. Wild Black Cherry, Hackberry and Shagbark Hickory are also found in limited quantity. Also found is the Spicebush, Dogwood and PawPaw, as well as plant life including the Giant Trillium,



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THE NATURE SCENE... continued



Jack-In-The-Pulpit, Leeks, Spring Beauties, Stinging Nettle, Trout Lilly and numerous wildflowers from late March through May. Over 58 species of birds are known to breed within one mile of these woods with at least another 100+ species migrating through the preserve in the fall and during spring migration.

How about a self-guided driving trip around Clinton County to take in the **Barn Quilt Trail**? Covering 150 miles and 54 barns, this trail allows you to travel the entire county. View picturesque country settings, family farmsteads and rolling fields while learning the history of these colorful quilt patterns. The phenomena of quilt patterns adorning the sides of barns had a grass roots beginning in southern Ohio but now encompasses numerous states. Clinton County got involved in 2010.



Taking our Barn Quilt Trail one step further, 32 barns became the focus of the new **Clinton County Barn Quilt GeoTrail** in 2013. Geocachers from many states have enjoyed the Trail providing them with the opportunity to enjoy the county's countryside, introducing them to many of the barn owners, and taking them through the discovery process of the art surrounding quilt patterns. Whether new to geocaching or a seasoned pro, this is a great geo experience according to the hundreds that have traveled here to take it on.

The local park scene is also a tribute to beautiful nature. Clinton County is extremely proud of the **David Williams Memorial Park**. This unique, handicapped-accessible playground is perfect for families vacationing with special needs children.

Did you bring your pooch with you? No worries. The **Tom Harvey Memorial Dog Park** offers 10 acres of fenced, leash-free fun and safety for four-legged friends.

Equine Event at Roberts Arena

THE SPORTS SCENE



Sure, we're a friendly place filled with congenial folks, but don't kid yourself. Clinton County can be as competitive as they come. We love sports and welcome sporting events of all kinds to the area. What is so different about Clinton County sporting events is the diversity found.



Roberts Arena, a nationally recognized show facility hosts over 20 horse shows each year. Spectators are welcome and these shows promise to expose you to the best of the many breeds represented at Roberts. Also on the animal scene, **Eukanuba Hall** at the Roberts Centre is a state-of-the-art show facility for national and international dog shows.



Moving to a man's best friend of another type, competitive land speed automobile and motorcycle racing hosted by the **East Coast Timing Association** and competitive solo racing hosted by the **Sports Car Club of America** take place in spring and summer at the **Wilmington Air Park**.

Baseball at Wilmington City Park



This unusual use of an airport's resources brings in thousands to the area.

Amateur sports for youth and adults are regularly seen at the **Wilmington City Parks** where regional and state tournaments for baseball and fast pitch softball take center stage. More tournaments are being added regularly.

For the weekend warrior, Clinton County offers the gamut of hard core sporting events. Women love the **Dirty Girl Run**, an obstacle course run through tons of mud, while entire families come out for the **Jeep Jam** and **5K and 10K** runs scheduled throughout the year. Act on your inner-hunter fantasy by scheduling a fall bird hunt at **Cherrybend Pheasant Farm** or try your hand at their year-round skeet course. Be a participant or orchestrate a golfing event at **Snow Hill, Elks** and **Majestic**, 18-hole golf courses with exceptionally scenic and often challenging holes.

Whether you're a spectator or a participant, sporting events are plentiful in Clinton County.



WHERE TO VISIT

IN OUR BACKYARD

BARN QUILT GEOTRAIL

A new 32-cache GeoTrail is now in place with stops at historic and modern barns decorated with quilt designs. The GeoTrail encompasses approximately 150 miles of Clinton County taking in many of our beautiful back roads. For a limited time, a geocaching coin is being awarded upon completion of the trail. Clinton County, OH.
www.clintoncountyohio.com/geocaching.php

When finding the caches on our geocache trail, expect the barn owners to wave "howdy."



BARN QUILT TRAIL

Clinton County embraces its agricultural history with spectacular hand-painted quilt squares on area barns. Take a self-guided, cross-county car tour and experience the beautiful countryside while visiting 54 barns adorned with unique quilt patterns. The Barn Quilt Trail Brochure gives you the history of each barn and quilt pattern and is available at the Clinton County Visitors Bureau, 13 N. South St., Wilmington, OH 45177. 1-877-4-A-VISIT.

BLANCHESTER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Explore Blanchester's history through stories, memorabilia and bound volumes of the Star Republican dating from the mid-1940s to the early 21st century. The museum and genealogy library are open Wednesday and Saturday 1-4 p.m. 206 W. Main St., Blanchester, OH 45107.

BLANCHESTER MURAL

Dedicated on June 11, 2006, the centennial of the traction line in Blanchester was immortalized in a special mural, painted by Ronald Keith, a local artist. The mural depicts the buildings and businesses that were located at the time on South Broadway in Blanchester and the traction depot. The mural is located at 203 S. Broadway St., Blanchester, OH 45107.

BONNYBROOK FARMS

This 370-acre attraction has something for everyone. Chuck Wagon Dinner Rides, Picnics, Barnyard Festivals, Adventure Hayrides, Corn Maze, Petting Animals, Lantern Light Wagon Rides and more. 3779 SR 132, Clarksville, OH 45113. (937) 289-2500. www.bonnybrookfarms.com



CLINTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Built in 1918, the courthouse is an outstanding example of the Second Renaissance Revival, complete with detailed ornamental plasterwork and a large mural dome. The interior of the dome has been reworked to its 1918 luster as part of a lengthy plan by the commissioners to restore the courthouse. For information about the courthouse and a self-guided walking tour brochure contact the Clinton County Visitors Bureau toll free 1-877-4-A-VISIT. 46 S. South St., Wilmington, OH 45177.

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORY CENTER & GENEALOGY LIBRARY

The Clinton County Historical Society maintains the county museum which houses sculptures and paintings by world-renowned Quaker artist Eli Harvey and a collection of Quaker artifacts. Genealogies and histories important to the area are also housed in the former residence of General James W. Denver. Rotating exhibits. 149 E. Locust St., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-4684.

www.clintoncountyhistory.org

CLINTON COUNTY VETERANS' MEMORIAL

Clinton County proudly salutes its Veterans from the Civil War to the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Every branch of the armed forces is recognized and remembered at this honored memorial. The black granite wall displays engraved passages of actual "letters to home" from Clinton County veterans. Located on the northeast corner of the Clinton County Courthouse. Corner of E. Main & S. Walnut, Wilmington, OH 45177.

COMMUNITY GARDEN MURAL



The "Community Garden Mural" on the east-facing wall of 55 E. Locust Street displays a beautiful community garden celebrating the area's love of gardening and the lives of local residents. The mural was inspired by the Grow Hope, Grow Food project at Wilmington College. Wilmington, OH 45177.

DOWNTOWN WILMINGTON

This district, on the National Register of Historic Places, is a great place to visit if you love historic architecture. A self-guided walking tour booklet is available at the Visitors Bureau. While meandering the streets, shops featuring jewelry, books, candy, gifts, collectibles, antiques and local artwork, combined with several eateries will add to your visit. Parking is available both on-street and in lots.

GRANDPA'S POTTERY

The Ray Storer Family demonstrates how pottery is made at this showroom and pottery facility. 3558 SR 73 W., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 725-3402.

HORSEFEATHERS FARM

Horsefeathers Farm offers a unique experience for groups of all ages. Under the sponsorship of the Cincinnati Zoo, Horsefeathers Farm specializes in the propagation of the endangered Parma Wallaby. Spend the day watching wallabies of all ages play and interact. Other Australian animals such as the Island Bearded Dragon and Emu are also on site for personal viewing. Horsefeathers Farm is the perfect country setting for good times and good memories. Reservations required. Open April through October.

7200 SR 350, Clarksville, OH 45113.

(937) 289-3504. www.horsefeathersfarmonline.com



KB ALPACAS

KB Alpacas specializes in the raising and breeding of Huacaya Alpacas.

These animals originally grazed the Andes Mountains Altiplano and were domesticated by the Incas. So prized for their soft fleece and



mystical nature, alpacas were once treasured more than gold and silver. Visit these magical animals and learn more of their story while touring this handsome facility. An on-site gift shop offers unique fleece products. Reservations required. 3816 Gurneyville Road, Wilmington, OH 45177. (513) 324-2151. www.kbalpacas.com

MAIN STREET MARKET MURAL

The "Main Street Market Mural" on the west-facing wall of 63 W. Main Street covers 1,600 sq. ft. and shows an indoor farmers' market and hot air balloon launch. Clinton County history inspired the design of the mural, mainly a hot air balloon launch that took place on the corner of Main and Walnut Streets in Wilmington around 1918. Wilmington, OH 45177.

MARTINSVILLE ROAD COVERED BRIDGE

There are not many covered bridges left, but see this beautiful example over Todd's Fork just west of Martinsville in southern Clinton County. Martinsville Rd., Martinsville, OH 45146.

MURPHY THEATRE

Charles Webb Murphy, who owned the Chicago Cubs during their glory years of 1906-1914, built this landmark in downtown Wilmington's historic district. The theater boasts 750 seats and has been restored to its original grandeur. The stately theater is still utilized for live theater and concerts. 50 West Main St., Wilmington, OH 45177. (877) 274-3848.

www.themurphytheatre.org



PEACE RESOURCE CENTER

Wilmington College is Quaker-related, and the Peace Resource Center (PRC) exists as one of the major ways to implement the peacemaking and reconciliation elements in the Mission Statement of the College. The Center was founded in August, 1975, when Barbara Reynolds, Quaker peace activist, formally presented her Hiroshima/Nagasaki Memorial Collection to the College. A permanent exhibit highlights four stories designed to inform and inspire. Open by appointment only. 51 College St., Wilmington, OH. 45177 (937) 382-6661.

www2.wilmington.edu/prc/index.cfm

PORT WILLIAM CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

Gilbert VanZandt of Port William was 10 years old when he went to war as a drummer with his father during the Civil War. Lil' Gib eventually ended up with General Sherman on his march to the sea at the end of the Civil War. VanZandt is immortalized at this special memorial in Port William. Main Street, Port William, OH 45164.

PORT WILLIAM MURAL

Located on the old feed mill in Port William along Anderson's Fork is a beautiful mural depicting the history of the area. Featured are Lil' Gib and Fannie May, his horse. Port William, OH 45164.

QUAKER HERITAGE CENTER

With a permanent exhibit on the history of Quakers in Southwest Ohio, an 1840s-style meetinghouse, and multiple other art and history exhibits throughout the year; a visit to the Quaker Heritage Center tells the story of the past, present and future of Quakers around the world...and explains about that guy on the oatmeal container!

College & Douglas Streets, Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-6661. www2.wilmington.edu/qhc

ROBERTS ARENA

Roberts Arena is located in southwest Ohio and is recognized regionally and nationally as a first-class show facility. Many horse and dog associations hold their annual shows here. 4095 SR 730, Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-0985. www.robertsarena.com

ROBERTS CONFERENCE CENTRE



The Roberts Centre is an 80,000 sq. ft. conference center offering the best in convenience and functionality. It is the perfect location for conventions, trade shows, banquets, public events, educational seminars, receptions or any special occasion. 123 Gano Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177. (800) 654-7038. www.robertscentre.com

SABINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The museum is located on the second floor of the Municipal Building and houses historical artifacts of the Sabina area. Open the first and third Tuesday of each month, the third Saturday of each month or by appointment May - October. 99 N. Howard St., Sabina, OH 45169. (937) 382-8520 or (937) 584-2802. www.sabinahistory.org

WILMINGTON COLLEGE

Ohio's other agricultural college, the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) founded this four-year private school in 1870. The Peace Resource Center features the largest depository of materials outside of Japan relating to the atomic bombings of Hiroshima/Nagasaki. Special exhibits are regularly scheduled at the Quaker Heritage Center. 1870 Quaker Way, Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-6661 or (800) 341-9318. www2.wilmington.edu



ON THE FARM

A & M FARM ORCHARD

Many varieties of berries and apples. 22141 SR 251, Midland, OH 45148. (513) 875-2500.

BERGEFURD'S FARM MARKET AND GREENHOUSES

Over 65 varieties of fruits and vegetables, as well as free-range chickens, eggs and straw are grown on the farm. The family offers a popular "u-pick" strawberry field each summer and special family events each spring and fall. Open April - October.

234 W. SR 350, Wilmington, OH 45177.

(937) 383-2133. www.bergefurdsfarmmarket.com

BRANSTRATOR FARM

Established in 1821, this 172-acre farm is a full-time operation working closely with Wilmington College and the Ohio State University to embark on sustainable agricultural practices to lessen the farm's environmental impact and produce high quality produce. The farm is known for its delicious strawberries, bountiful peaches and luscious pumpkins. The farm also grows asparagus, blackberries, gooseberries, tomatoes and over 50 different varieties of squash. Fresh produce is available on site 24/7. Call for "u-pick" information. 885 N. George Rd., Clarksville, OH 45113. (937) 203-8289.

www.branstratorfarm.com

BRAUSCH ASPARAGUS FARM

Pick-your-own asparagus. Open mid-April to mid-June. 2514 Center Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177.

(937) 382-2384.

CAESAR CREEK MARKETS

An extraordinary selection of fruits and vegetables, delicious baked goods, jams, bedding plants, shrubs and much more. Open every Saturday and Sunday, including Memorial Day and Labor Day, featuring vendors inside and outside. 7763 SR 73 W, Wilmington, OH 45177.

(937) 382-1660. www.caesarcreek.com

CLINTON COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET

June through September - Multi-farms bring a wide array of produce to downtown Wilmington. 81 W. Main St., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-0901.

www.clintoncountyfarmersmarket.com

Cell phones work just fine in Clinton County,
you'll just want to turn them off.





ONE-DERING'S LAVENDER FARM

Raising 9 varieties of English lavender and 3 varieties of French lavender, One-derings offers unique lavender products. Visit the cottage herb and mint garden while on site. Skin care products are made from scratch with most ingredients grown on the farm. Open 11 am – 3 pm Fridays and Saturdays Memorial Day through Labor Day or by appointment. 2195 S. Clarksville Rd., Clarksville, OH 45113. (937) 725-0830. www.onederings.com

PEACEFUL ACRES LAVENDER FARM

Hand pick your own lavender bundle, learn to make candles, create a wreath or pamper yourself with holistic health services and enjoy a yoga class in the fields of lavender. Attend one of many scheduled workshops, bring the little ones for a scavenger hunt and visit the Earthship. Peaceful Acres is located .2 mile from the Historic Martinsville Road Covered Bridge. Open June and July and by appointment. 2387 Martinsville Rd., Martinsville, OH 45146. (513) 322-2415.

www.peacefulacreslavenderfarm.com

PICKARD FARMS

Pickard Farms provides a variety of farm and garden products and services including hay, straw, fresh eggs, beef, garden vegetables, homemade cookies and bread. Call for special orders. 1129 Hoskins Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-5000. www.pickardfarms.com

STOKES FARM

Specializing in strawberries and raspberries, "u-pick" available. Strawberries available late May to early June. Raspberries available mid-June to early July. Open May – July. 2822 Center Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-4004. www.stokesberryfarm.com

THAT GUY'S FAMILY FARM

State certified organic produce farm. Fruits, vegetables and eggs. Open June – August. 394 SR 380, Clarksville, OH 45113. (937) 289-3151. www.thatguysfamilyfarm.com



WHAT TO DO

FESTIVALS

ASPARAGUS & STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Celebrate the beginning of the growing season with plenty of fresh asparagus and pick-your-own strawberries. A family-friendly event where you can find beautiful, relaxing farmland, educational games and activities, live music and delicious festival food. Branstrator Farm, 885 N. George Rd., Clarksville, OH 45113. (937) 203-8289.

www.branstratorfarm.com

BANANA SPLIT FESTIVAL

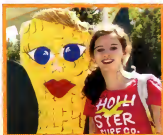


Celebrate the birthplace of the banana split with a fun family festival the second weekend of June. Featuring the "Make Your Own" banana split booth, crafts, live music, cruise-in and car show. The banana split was first made in Wilmington at Hazard's Drug Store in 1907.

J. W. Denver Williams Jr. Memorial Park, 1326 Fife Ave., Wilmington, OH 45177. 1-877-4-A-VISIT.

www.bananasplitfestival.com

CLINTON COUNTY CORN FESTIVAL



Clinton County honors agriculture, the area's biggest industry, with a three-day extravaganza the weekend after Labor Day. This festival features antique farm machinery, all types of food made from corn,

antiques, crafts and the Corn Olympics!

Clinton County Fairgrounds, 958 W. Main St., Wilmington, OH 45177.
(937) 383-KORN.

www.antiquepowerclub.org



CLINTON COUNTY FAIR

Eight days of action in July with live entertainment, harness racing, an antique tractor pull and a demolition derby. If you enjoy animals, be sure to catch the Junior and Senior Fair shows of cattle, sheep, hogs, rabbits, chickens, horses and pets. Discover what a great county fair is like. Clinton County Fairgrounds, 958 W. Main St., Wilmington, OH 45177. 1-937-382-4443. www.clintoncountyfair.org



HOMETOWN HOLIDAZZLE ILLUMINATED PARADE & FESTIVAL

Downtown Wilmington closes its streets and opens its doors for everyone to see the town all lit up, from the twinkling decorations to the thousands of lights decorating the nighttime parade. Santa Claus, carolers, games and delicious food bring in the holiday season. Wilmington, OH 45177. 1-937-302-1528. www.hometownholidazzle.com

OKTOBERFEST

Wilmington Oktoberfest is a celebration that blends a time-honored German festival with the vitality and charm of small-town America. Oktoberfest features traditional German polka, as well as various other styles of music. Come hungry and sample a variety of authentic German or traditional festival foods. Test your skills at one of many games of chance, Monte Carlo tournaments or kids' games. St. Columbkille Catholic Church, Wilmington, OH 45177. (Corner of Mulberry & Main Streets). 1-877-4-A-VISIT. www.wilmingtonoktoberfest.org

SOUTHERN OHIO INDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

Bluegrass and acoustic music have outsold and outgrown all other American music forms in the past decade, and Ohio has always been home to many great outdoor music events. However, this event which takes place twice a year is the area's only indoor Bluegrass festival. Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 372-3531, ext. 104. www.somusicfest.com

SUMMER SOLSTICE LAVENDER FESTIVAL

The Summer Solstice Lavender Festival is a must-attend event for the nature lover and conservationist. Pick lavender, attend workshops, meet with holistic health practitioners, listen to Native American music, sample foods made with lavender and shop a wide array of lavender-based products. Be sure to also tour southwest Ohio's only earthship. Mid-June. 2387 Martinsville Rd., Martinsville, OH 45146. (513) 322-2415. www.peacefulacreslavenderfarm.com

PARKS & RECREATION

797 ELKS GOLF CLUB



The 797 Elks Golf Club offers 18 holes with watered fairways. Driving range and practice green compliment this facility. Member of: OGCOA, USGA, NGCOA, GCGA, OTF and MVGCSA. Season passes available. Open to the public. 2593 Rombach Ave., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-2666. www.golf.elks797.org

ADVENTURE COVE GOLF COURSE

18-hole miniature golf course complete with a 30-foot play-through cave, a wrecked pirate ship and an island hole. Open Memorial Day through mid-August. 3410 SR 22 & 3 E., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 302-6249.

ANLIOT-DAVIDSON WOODS

58 acres of steep rolling topography dominated by a mixed forest of deciduous hardwoods and evergreens with white CCPD boundary posts. 0.8 miles of hiking trails. Limited bow hunting by written permission of the park board. Open to the public for passive recreation. 885 Pyle Road - 1 mi. east of Clarksville Road and Pyle Road in Adams Township. (937) 725-3443.

CAESAR CREEK STATE PARK

Camping, swimming, water skiing and boating are available on this 2,830-acre lake. Forty-three miles of hiking trails traverse the 4,700-acre park. Hunting and fishing are permitted in certain areas. 8570 SR 73 E, Waynesville, OH 45068-9719. (513) 897-3055. www.caesarcreek.com

CAMP JOY

This unique 315-acre property provides a beautiful park setting for corporate and organizational meetings. The mission of Camp Joy is to provide life-long leadership skills to groups of all ages. 10117 Old 3C Highway, Clarksville, OH 45113. (937) 289-2031. www.camp-joy.org

CHERRYBEND PHEASANT FARM

Cherrybend Pheasant Farm is the premier upland pheasant hunting preserve in southwest Ohio. This 600+ acre preserve/grain farm offers the ultimate bird hunting experience. Due to the thick cover and challenging fields, hunting with a dog is required. Experienced guides and trained dogs are available. Fine dining is available by prior arrangement. 2326 Cherrybend Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 584-4269. www.cherrybendhunting.com

CLINTON COUNTY TRAILS COALITION

29 1/2 miles of abandoned rail lines are being converted into a recreational trail - perfect for cyclists, hikers, walkers and nature lovers. There are six trails totaling seven miles completed to date. (937) 382-4148.

CLINTON COUNTY YMCA

A focal point in any community, Clinton County's Y is located on the Wilmington College campus and features a swimming pool, basketball, racquetball, Nautilus and exercise rooms. 700 Elm St., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-9622. www.clintoncountyyymca.com

COLLETT WOODS NATURE PRESERVE

60 acres of mature forest with 1.2 miles of hiking trails and marked white CCPD boundary posts. There are several examples of Canadian granite erratic rocks deposited in the Preserve. Wonderful wildflower communities April through June. No bow hunting at any time. Open to the public for passive recreation. 8901 SR 73 W - 1.5 mi. west of Caesar Creek Market in Chester Township. (937) 725-3443.

COWAN LAKE STATE PARK



Recreational opportunities abound at this 7,000-acre state park in Clinton County. The park covers 700 acres of water, 1,000 acres of beach, four miles of hiking trails and one mile of mountain bike trails. Twenty-seven family cabins are available year-round for fantastic getaways. Camping is also a popular activity at Cowan Lake with 254 campsites, 237 with electric. Sailing, swimming, hiking, fishing and hunting are also available at this quiet reserve. 1750 Osborn Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177. (513) 897-3055.

www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/parks/cowanlk.htm

CULBERSON (DEAN A) STATE NATURE PRESERVE

This 238-acre preserve is one of the few examples of the "white swamp forest" which once covered the uplands of southwestern Ohio. The forest grows on poorly drained, "white clay" soil which formed on the glacial materials deposited during the Illinoian glacial period. The swamp forest is dominated by red maple and pin oak with substantial stands of shagbark hickory, shellbark hickory, swamp white oak, American elm and sweetgum. The northern shrub, winterberry, grows here near its southern limit, while the sweetgum, a southern species, is near its northern limit. The preserve is located in Clinton County approximately 1 mile southwest of Cowan Lake State Park. From SR 350, proceed south 1 mile on SR 730 to the preserve entrance. No facilities are available. (937) 382-1096.

DAVID R. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL PARK

This unique, handicapped-accessible playground plays host to many activities for children of all ages. 1326 E. Fife Avenue, Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-4781.

DR. NATHAN HALE WOODS



This 60 acres of riparian corridor has been identified twice by the Ohio Biological Survey as the most unique area in Clinton County. Great fishing during the spring and early summer and designated Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society. Healthy amphibian, reptile and wild turkey populations as well as a rich biodiversity of plants. Limited bow hunting with written permission of the park board. Open to the public for passive recreation. 2979 Clarksville Rd., Clarksville, OH 45113 - at the intersection of Cowan Creek Road in Vernon Township. (937) 725-3443.

While nearly 700,000 people visit Clinton County each year, you'll never hear them complain of long lines.





J. W. DENVER WILLIAMS JR. MEMORIAL PARK

This 26-acre park plays host to many activities. Play tennis, baseball, basketball or relax for a picnic under a covered pavilion. 1100 Rombach Ave., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-4781.

MAJESTIC SPRINGS

Eighteen-hole public golf course. Bent grass tees, fairways and greens make up this beautiful course taking you across rolling meadows, winding streams and wooded terrain. Majestic Springs is a member of the USGA and GCSAA. 1631 Todds Fork Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 383-1474. www.majesticsprings.com

OLE SUPER K FISHING LAKES AND PONDS

Pay fishing lake. 14106 SR 68, Midland, OH 45148. (937) 783-9522.

ROYAL Z LANES

It's fun for the entire family at the Wilmington bowling alley. 2667 SR 22 & 3 E., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-3891.

SNOW HILL COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE

Established in 1924, Snow Hill Country Club is a Championship Golf Course of 6,449 yards and a Par 70. The golf course has bent grass tees, fairways and is home to the best greens in southwest Ohio. This golf course has been home to many PGA events over its prestigious history. 11093 SR 73, New Vienna, OH 45159. Clubhouse (937) 987-2491. Golf Shop (937) 987-2922. www.snowhillcountryclub.com

TOM HARVEY MEMORIAL DOG PARK

Ten fenced acres dedicated to our four-legged friends. This wonderful park allows your dog to safely run and play leash free. Open to the public. 11704 SR 730, Wilmington, OH 45177.

WHERE TO SHOP

SHOPS



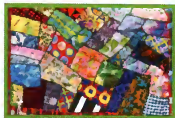
BOOKS 'N' MORE

New books, best sellers, regional interests, magazines and Melissa & Doug toys. In-store deli and coffee bar.
28 W. Main St., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 383-7323.
www.booksnmore.org

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Entertainment! Prizes! Food Court! Hundreds of vendors both inside and out. Extraordinary selection of delicious fruits, vegetables and baked goods. Fabulous sporting goods and apparel. Furniture, antiques and so much more. Over 68 acres of colossal savings for the entire family. New merchandise every week. Open Saturdays and Sundays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round. 7763 SR 73 W., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-1669. www.caesarcreek.com

COTTON JUNKY QUILT SHOP



This shop caters to quilters carrying fabric, quilting and sewing notions, books, patterns, unique gifts and quilting service.
110 W. Main St.,
Wilmington, OH

45177. (937) 366-6302. www.cottonjunky.com

COUNTRY BY DESIGN

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www.countrybydesign.com

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D & D FIREARMS, PRECIOUS METALS & APPRAISALS

Buy, sell and trade new, used and collectible firearms and accessories. Buy and sell coins and jewelry. 15 E. Main St., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 366-6021.

FOR A SONG AND A STORY

Located in an old Victorian, you may browse through used books on the second "story" while private music lessons are going on downstairs. The area's only music store, you can buy everything from picks to pianos. New and used musical instruments and accessories, sheet music, LP records and antiques. 201 E. Locust St., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-8558. www.forasongandastory.com

GRANDPA'S POTTERY



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HICKORY & PLAID

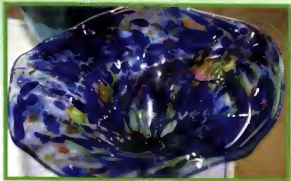
Offering heirloom quality handmade furniture at affordable prices. Solid wood antique reproduction furniture built using time-honored construction methods. Beautiful upholstered pieces made with hardwood frames and 8-way hand-tied springs. 10 W. Main St., Leesburg, OH 45135. (937) 780-9606.

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Housed in a cabin in the woods, this shop features wood carvings, works in crochet to include accessories for doll houses and jewelry and other general crafts and collectibles. Open September through December, Saturday and Sunday only. 4115 SR 133 North, Blanchester, OH 45107. (937) 783-5887.

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The largest antique mall/gift shop in the area located in a historic three story brick grist mill. It features country home décor items, linens, rugs, curtains, pictures, signs, pottery, jewelry, candles, vine trees and seasonal items. 316 E. Sugartree St., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 383-1899.



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320 E. Sugartree St., Wilmington, OH 45177.

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www.swindlerandsons.com

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Your favorite South-of-the-Border offerings from burritos
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Sports Bar offering great burgers, soups and salads. Roberts Centre/Holiday Inn, I-71 and SR 68, 123 Gano Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 283-3201. \$\$\$

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Dairy Queen, US 68 & I-71 382-7198
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 Subway, US 68 & I-71 382-1912
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 Country Corner Restaurant, 3669 SR 380 655-9064
 Dee's Fudge & More, 130 S. Nelson Ave. 366-6357
 Domino's Pizza, 265 W. Locust St. 382-0933
 Donatos Pizza, 860 Rombach Ave. 382-1600
 Generations Pizza & Sandwiches, 100 Lowes Dr. 382-3845
 Gold Star Chili, 1295 Rombach Ave. 382-7199
 Happy Wok, 1655 Rombach Ave. 383-0326
 KFC, 127 E. Main St. 382-0299
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 McDonald's, 1272 Rombach Ave. 382-5211
 Outpost, 3992 SR 730 382-3017
 Papa John's Pizza, 1561 Rombach Ave. 383-1900
 Pizza Hut, 486 E. Main St. 283-9383
 Skyline Chili, 2799 Rombach Ave. 382-7000
 Subway, SR 73 & SR 22 382-7824
 Subway, SR 73 & SR 22 (inside Wal-Mart) 382-1122
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www.effies-place.com

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www.snowhillcountryclub.com/home

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4003 SR 73 W., Wilmington, OH 45177. (877) 722-2525 or (937) 382-8264. www.woodedgardenbedandbreakfast.com

HOTELS & MOTELS

BUDGET INN

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www.wilmingtonsuites.hamptoninn.com



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www.ihotelsgroup.com/b/d/ex/1/en/hotel/wmtob

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CAESAR CREEK STATE PARK

287 sites available with electric hook-up. Campground offers showers, flush toilets and pet camping in designated areas. 9000 Center Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 488-4595. www.ohiodnr.com/parks/caesarck/tabid/720/Default.aspx

CLINTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Camping sites available. Water, electric hook-up and dump station. No public showers. 958 W. Main St., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-4443. www.clintoncountyfair.org

COWAN LAKE STATE PARK

27 family cabins available at this beautiful state park. The cabins sleep 6 comfortably and are heated and have air conditioning. Also 254 campsites, 237 available with electric hook-up; four sites are handicapped accessible. Campground offers showers, flush toilets, laundry facilities and pet camping in designated areas. 1750 Osborn Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177. (866) 644-6727 toll-free for reservations. www.ohiodnr.com/parks

MAPLE GROVE PARK

100 campsites with electric and water in this beautifully wooded campground featuring a stocked pond. 2519 Prairie Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-8685.

PINE COVE CAMPGROUNDS

Enjoy all of the amenities of Cowan Lake while camping at this beautiful campground situated on 25 acres of lush pine trees. 764 Osborn Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-0806. www.pinecovecampground.com

THOUSAND TRAILS

Amenities include lodge, indoor pool, spa, basketball, tennis and shuffleboard courts, canoes and fishing lake. Open to the public. 1786 SR 380, Wilmington, OH 45177. (937) 382-5883. www.thousandtrails.com





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

11	Phil Dirt & The Dozers Concert, Murphy Theatre
24-26	World's Greatest All-Around Horse Show, Roberts Arena
31	Country Heir Hunter Jumper Show, Roberts Arena

FEBRUARY

1	Hotel California Concert, Murphy Theatre
1-2	Country Heir Hunter Jumper Show, Roberts Arena
7-9	Country Heir Hunter Jumper Show, Roberts Arena
8	Renfro Valley Concert, Murphy Theatre
14	Wild Carrot Concert, Murphy Theatre
15-16	Hot Shot Classic Cattle Show, Roberts Arena
21-23	World's Greatest All-Around Horse Show, Roberts Arena
28	Country Heir Hunter Jumper Show, Roberts Arena

MARCH

1-2	Country Heir Hunter Jumper Show, Roberts Arena
13	Hunter Safety Course, Cowan Lake
21-23	Country Heir Hunter Jumper Show, Roberts Arena
22	Fortunate Sons Concert, Murphy Theatre
27-30	SOQHA Show, Roberts Arena
28-29	Southern Ohio Indoor Music Festival, Roberts Centre
29	Home Study Hunter Safety Course, Cowan Lake

APRIL

5	Ohio Country Antique Show, Roberts Centre
5	Hadden Sayers Concert, Murphy Theatre
8	Cincinnati Playhouse Concert, Murphy Theatre
11-12	Hunter Safety Course, Cowan Lake
12-13	SOQHA Show, Roberts Arena
26	Muleskinners Concert, Murphy Theatre

**MAY**

3-4	East Coast Timing Assoc. Racing, Air Park
3-4	Buckeye Paint Horse Extravaganza, Roberts Arena
9-11	Barrel Horse News Clinic, Roberts Arena
17	Bryan Lewis Concert, Murphy Theatre
17-18	Fishing Has No Boundaries, Cowan Lake
24-25	Asparagus & Strawberry Festival, Clarksville
31	Dazzling Spots Open Horse Show, Roberts Arena

JUNE

1-30	Youth Fishing Derby, Cowan Lake
7	Youth Fishing Seminar, Cowan Lake
7-8	East Coast Timing Assoc. Racing, Air Park
7-8	Medallion Arabian Horse Show, Roberts Arena
7, 14, 21, 28	Chuck Wagon Dinner Rides, Bonnybrook Farms
13-14	Banana Split Festival, Denver Williams Park
13-14	One-derings Lavender Farm Open House, Clarksville
14	Grand National Tractor Pull, Fairgrounds
20-21	Ohio Classic Walking Horse Show, Roberts Arena
21-22	Summer Solstice Lavender Festival, Martinsville

JULY

4	Blanchester 4th of July Festival & Fireworks
4	Wilmington 4th of July Celebration & Fireworks
5, 12, 19, 26	Chuck Wagon Dinner Rides, Bonnybrook Farms
5-12	Clinton County Fair, Fairgrounds
12-13	East Coast Timing Assoc. Racing, Air Park
25-26	Trucking Expo, Roberts Centre

AUGUST	
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Chuck Wagon Dinner Rides, Bonnybrook Farms
8-10	Buckeye Morgan Classic, Roberts Arena
14	Hunter Safety Course, Cowan Lake
15-17	Jeep Jam, Wilmington
23-24	SOQHA Futurity, Roberts Arena
30-31	Ohio Paint Horse Assoc. Futurity, Roberts Arena
SEPTEMBER	
1-28	Ohio Renaissance Festival, Waynesville
5-7	Clinton County Corn Festival, Fairgrounds
19-21	Tough Enough To Wear Pink Horse Show, Roberts Arena
20	Hunter Safety Course, Cowan Lake
20-21, 27-28	Barnyard Fun Festival, Bonnybrook Farms
26-27	Oktoberfest, Wilmington
26-27	Lantern Light Wagon Ride & Corn Maze, Bonnybrook Farms
27	Queen City Cat Show, Roberts Centre
27-28	East Coast Timing Assoc. Racing, Air Park

MORE EVENTS

Clinton County Farm Market:

June - Sept.; Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings,
Mural Parking Lot, Downtown Wilmington

Clinton County History Center Exhibits:

Exhibits Run Wed. - Fri. from 1 pm - 4 pm

- *Cabinets of Curiosity*: Mar. 5 - Dec. 19
- *Photography: Our History Exposed*: Mar. 5 - Dec. 19

Quaker Heritage Center Exhibits

Exhibits Run Mon. - Fri. from 9 am - 4 pm and by appointment

- *Journey Stories* - Jan. 8 - Feb. 7
- *Freedom Riders* - Mar. 19 - Apr. 16
- *The Long March* - Mar. 19 - May 2
- *Images of Wilmington Yearly Meeting* - May 12 - July 18
- *The Pity of War* - July 28 - Dec. 12
- *Lost Stories of Faith* - Oct. 6 - Oct. 24

OCTOBER

3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25	Lantern Light Wagon Ride & Corn Maze, Bonnybrook Farms
4-5, 11-12, 18-19	Ohio Renaissance Festival, Waynesville
4-5, 11-12, 18-19	Pumpkins & Ponies Event, Bonnybrook Farms
4-5	Harvest Festival, Clarksville
8-9	Hunter Safety Course, Cowan Lake
15	Westheimer Peace Symposium, Wilmington College
18	Ohio Country Antique Show, Roberts Centre
18	Open House At The Barn, Grandpa's Pottery
25	Halloween Costume Party, Cowan Lake
25-26	Great Pumpkin Trail Run, Bonnybrook Farms
25-26	Pumpkin Chuckin' Festival, Bonnybrook Farms

NOVEMBER

3	Hunter Safety Course, Cowan Lake
7-8	Southern Ohio Indoor Music Festival, Roberts Centre
7-8	Christmas Around Sabina Town, Sabina
8	Christmas In The Country Craft Show, Clarksville
29	Hometown HoliDazzle Illuminated Parade & Festival, Wilmington

DECEMBER

6	Santa Claus Is Coming To Town, New Vienna
6-7	Homespun Christmas, Wilmington



Hometown HoliDazzle
Illuminated Parade & Festival

DRIVING DISTANCE

Atlanta, GA	523	Indianapolis, IN	130
Branson, MO	651	Louisville, KY	151
Buffalo, NY	390	Memphis, TN	530
Chicago, IL	315	Nashville, TN	321
Cincinnati, OH	50	Pittsburgh, PA	248
Columbus, OH	60	Richmond, VA	436
Dayton, OH	35	Toronto, CAN	498
Detroit, MI	255	Washington, D.C.	493



For a detailed street map of the county, call the Visitors Bureau at (877) 428-4748.

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